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IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,
AND PROGRAM

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2006
the term for response to which expires on October 5, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-4, 14-19,
29-34 and 44-57 are maintained; claims 5, 7-9, 20, 22-24, 35 and
37-39 are amended; and claims 6, 10-13, 21, 25-28, 36 and 40-43
are canceled.

Remarks begin on page 32 of this paper.